



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 486** HLS 25RS 968

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Education		
Subject: Mental health assessments for grades 4-12		Analyst: Julie Silva

HEALTH

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Requires public schools to offer a mental health assessment to certain students

Proposed legislation requires public schools to make available a mental health assessment by a licensed behavioral health provider for all students in grades four through 12, if authorized by a parent or guardian, within the first 90 days of each school year.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation may result in an increase in local fund expenditures for local school systems to either hire additional staff licensed to administer mental health assessments or to enter into a contract for professional mental health assessment services. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) provides the average cost for a behavioral health provider ranges from \$50,000 to \$80,000. Expenditures will be dependent on the number of fourth through twelfth grade students in a given system and the number of providers necessary to ensure all students are given the opportunity to engage in a mental health assessment within the first 90 days of the first semester of each school year. To the extent a school system currently employs or contracts with the number of providers necessary to meet its specific needs, an increase in expenditures is not anticipated. However, for school systems that do not currently employ or contract with the appropriately licensed providers, increased expenditures are expected, though they will vary and are dependent on the needs of each specific system. There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

- ☒ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- ☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}
- ☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- ☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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